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Ms. Sheila Desai
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region V
77 West Jackson Boulevard (SR-6J)
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590

Dear Ms. Desai:

Re: Monthly Progress Report – February 2014
Former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property Operable Unit No. 7
Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site
Allegan and Kalamazoo County

As required by Task 8, Progress Reports in the Statement of Work of the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) at the former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property, please find attached three copies of the Progress Report No. 88 for the period of February 1, 2014 through February 28, 2014.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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**Progress Report No. 88
February 1, 2014 to February 28, 2014**

**Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study
Former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property
Plainwell, Michigan**

This progress report is being submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) in accordance with Task 8: Progress Reports and the Schedule for Major Deliverables contained in the Statement of Work for the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS), pursuant to the terms of the Consent Decree for the Design and Implementation of Certain Response Actions at Operable Unit No. 4 and the Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property (Site) Operational Unit No. 7 of the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site (Consent Decree), which became effective February 22, 2005.

1. Work Performed

- None.

2. Data Received

- None.

**3. Modifications to Work Plans or Other Schedules
Proposed to, or Approved by, the U.S. EPA**

- None.

4. Problems Encountered and Planned Resolution

- None.

5. Work Anticipated During the Next Reporting Period

- Collection of water level measurements from on-Site monitoring wells and staff gauges.

6. Anticipated Development with Work during the Next Period

- None.

7. Other Relevant Information

- On February 10, 2014, U.S. EPA directed questions to Weyerhaeuser via email regarding the decommissioning and demolition activities completed by the City of Plainwell under a Michigan Blight Elimination Program Grant. The inquiry was related to observations of and subsequent characterization and disposal of paper residual-like sludge observed in the material beneath the former primary clarifier area, the source of which was suspected to be underground piping associated with the former primary clarifier system. The activities in question were performed by the City of Plainwell; and, therefore, the City will be responding to U.S. EPA's questions.